

**Demand of NHPC workers and staff union**

2975. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:  
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Will the Minister of POWER be please to state:

(a) whether NHPC workers and staff union in Salal Power Station in Jammu and Kashmir had proposed to go on dharna from 29th March, 2007 certain demands placed in July, 2006;

(b) if so, the details of the demands; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the demands?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) NHPC workers and Staff Union (CITU) had proposed to go on dharna for one day i.e. on 29.03.2007.

(b) The details of the demands are given the Statement (See below).

(c) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) has informed that the demands were amicably discussed by the management of Salal Power Station with the union on 28.03.2007 after which the dharna proposed for 29.03.2007 was postponed.

***Statement***

*Details of demands of NHPC workers and staff union in Salal Power Stations in Jammu and Kashmir.*

1. Government may withdraw the decision of disinvestment of shares of NHPC, which is a step towards privatization through back door.
2. Payment of Generation Allowance (Incentive) for the year 2006-07.
3. Wage revision be done earliest and Interim Relief @Rs. 3000/- p.m. from January, 2007 onwards be paid.
4. Daily rate of Contractor's Labourers working in Salal should not be less than Rs. 90/- and one leave be granted to them after every six attendance and all facilities may be provided to them as per Labour Act.

5. Office timing of Jyotipuram based offices may be implemented similar to that of ED Office, Jammu i.e. 10.00 A.M.-05:00 P.M.
6. Project School should be continued and a Lady Doctor be posted at Zorawar Hospital, Jyotipuram.
7. Since condition of the quarter has become poor, house rent recovery be stopped.
8. Cable connection may be provided free of cost in each quarter like other projects of NHPC.
9. In the discussions, management has agreed to provide one tube light in all quarters, 24 hours water supply in bath room of all quarters, whitewashing and painting of all quarters, safety shoes to all workers, payment of Hosue Rent Allowance to all employees who reside in their own houses but the management has adopted the policy to linger on the action on the issues.
10. To enhance the SCA from 5% to 30% and to make Helper and Beldar as Trademan.
11. NHPC may prepare its own better Pension Scheme.

**Steps to tackle electricity theft and distribution losses**

2976. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:  
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has declared that Government would tackle electricity theft and distribution losses on a war footing and work for a broad national consensus on power distribution and pricing reforms;
- (b) whether the Prime Minister had called a meeting of Chief Ministers to discuss the power generation and distribution issues and the States' proposal that Central legislation should have a provision for levy of duty on generation of power by concerned State Government and allocation of appropriate portion of power generated to the host State; and
- (c) the steps taken to meet the power shortage and also check electricity theft and distribution losses?